

## SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR PROCESSING NETWORK ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

### ABSTRACT

A system, method and computer program product are provided for processing network accounting information. First, accounting information is received utilizing a packet-switched network. During use, at least one aspect of the received accounting information is monitored. In order to provide a defense against network attacks, dealing with heavy network traffic, or any other type of surge of network events, at least a portion of the accounting information is discarded and/or aggregated based on the monitored aspect. This prevents a system from being overloaded during the network accounting process.

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